Welcome to Bern

Whether it’s in the vibrant Swiss capital city of Bern, the varied surrounding area, in the hilly and mystic Emmental, in the Gantrisch Nature Park of the Prealps or between the Napf and the Jura in the Oberaargau Region – this is one scenic region. It might just be these very places and beautiful landscapes that have shaped the distinctly melodic dialect and legendary warmth of the Bernese. In 1983, Bern became a UNESCO World Heritage Site and can easily be reached by plane, rail or car today. The BERN Airport and direct connections to the high-speed trains TGV and ICE make a true hub out of the city. Thanks to its central location, Bern is ideal for outings and trips throughout Switzerland and is commonly known as the gateway to the Alps.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Reasons to Love Bern

- **Swiss Capital**: Bern is the capital city of Switzerland. It is THE place where all the important decisions of our country are made. Furthermore Bern is a center for education and invention. Even Albert Einstein lived in Bern between 1902 - 1909 and it was here that he invented his theory of relativity, E=mc².

- **Savoire-Vivre**: Hurry and hectic are foreign words to the Bernese. People enjoy life and take time for what is really important — whether it is a stroll under Bern’s shopping arcades, a refreshing swim in the Aare river or a delicious meal at a local cozy restaurant.

- **Urban Nature**: As an urban melting pot, the city still has a rural character and offers a lot of nature and recreational areas. Centrally located, Bern is a perfect hub for outings in the region as well as throughout Switzerland and is the gateway to the Alps.

- **Living Tradition**: The destination is rich with customs and stories such as Bern’s heraldic animal at the BearPark or the Zibelemärit (Onion Market) folk festival. Living traditions can be discovered in the scenic Emmental Valley, where the real Swiss cheese, the Emmentaler AOP, is made, premium biscuits are manufactured and Schwingen (Swiss wrestling) is performed.

- **Cultural Diversity**: Founded in 1191, the beautiful and well-preserved Old Town of Bern became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1983. Bern is considered a true citadel of culture with 40 cultural institutions in total. With the Zentrum Paul Klee (designed by Renzo Piano) and the Westside shopping and leisure center (designed by Daniel Libeskind), two architectural gems stand alongside medieval architecture in the Old Town.

- **A City of Sport**: The Bernese are proud of their successful soccer team, the Young Boys, and the ice hockey club SCB. The city also offers a lot of sport activities for everybody. People use the public bikes to get around in town, hike up the local mountain Gurten or enjoy participating in sport events like the “Bern Grand Prix” running event.
### Location

#### Switzerland km / miles Rail Car

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* To BSL = Basel, GVA = Geneva, ZRH = Zurich

### Useful Information

#### Population

142,479 (390,000 incl. suburbs), www.bern.ch

#### Religion

Protestant 53%, Roman Catholic 16%, others 31%

### Public holidays (across Switzerland)

- 19.4.2019 / 10.4.2020 Good Friday
- 21.4.2019 / 12.4.2020 Easter
- 22.4.2019 / 15.4.2020 Easter Monday
- 30.5.2019 / 21.5.2020 Ascension Day
- 9.6.2019 / 31.5.2020 Pentecost Sunday
- 10.6.2019 / 16.6.2020 Pentecost Monday
- 1.1.2020 New Year’s Day
- 21.2.2020 St. Berchtold’s Day

### Climate | Weather

(average daily temperatures)

www.meteoschweiz.ch

### Entering Switzerland

A valid passport or an identity card is required. Since Switzerland is part of the Schengen Area, Schengen visas are accepted for people entering the country. Switzerland entry regulations:

T +41 800 247 365 / +41 58 465 33 33

www.eda.admin.ch

### Rail – Swiss Travel System

The Swiss Travel System unifies the entirety of Swiss public transportation and is intended to facilitate access to the comprehensive Swiss transport network for visitors from around the world.

- **Swiss Travel Pass & Swiss Travel Pass Flex**
  - Unlimited travel by rail, bus and boats, as well as on panoramic trains, discount for mountain railways, free admission to over 500 museums. Free family card.
  - Available for 3, 4, 8 or 15 consecutive days.
  - *3, 4, 8, 15 days of your choice within a one-month period.

Further information and timetable information at:


### Climate

(average daily temperatures)

www.meteoschweiz.ch

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*Further information [Bern.com](http://Bern.com)*

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Due to its for the most part unchanged and intact medieval city structure, stately sandstone buildings and historical towers, Bern was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1983.

UNESCO World Heritage Site

Seat of the Swiss government and the Parliament, featuring a water display with 26 fountains on Bundesplatz (Parliament Square). Each water fountain represents one of the Swiss cantons.

Parliament Building

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Einstein

The Rose Garden is a large park with a wonderful view of the Old Town and the Aare loop. The park is home to a panoramic restaurant, 220 different types of roses, 200 types of irises and moor beds with 28 different types of rhododendrons.

Rose Garden

With six kilometers of arcades, Bern has one of Europe’s longest covered shopping promenades. And there is everything you’re looking for – be it stylish boutiques, exquisite jewelry shops, traditional markets or shopping malls of any size.

Arcades

With the ringing of the famous glockenspiel, the Bern Münster (Minster) is a church building of great historical and architectural interest.

Bern Münster (Minster)

Colorful markets set out their wares on Waisenhausplatz (Orphanage Square), Bärenplatz (Bear’s Square), Bundesplatz (Parliament Square) and on Münstergasse every Tuesday and Saturday, offering fresh produce, flowers and meats.

Markets

From Switzerland’s highest church tower visitors can enjoy magnificent views across the city and into the Bernese Mittelland and the snow-capped mountains of the Bernese Oberland.

Zytglogge (Clock Tower)

The Kunstmuseum Bern is Switzerland’s oldest art gallery. With works from eight centuries, it is regarded as an institution of world-class standing.

Museum of Fine Arts

Built in 2005 to a design by leading architect Renzo Piano, this cultural institution houses the most significant collection of works worldwide by Paul Klee.

Zentrum Paul Klee

Well over 100 fountains (with drinkable water) adorn Bern. In the Old Town, eleven of these still bear the original statues with their eye-catching allegorical figures.

Fountains

The Westside leisure and shopping center built by Daniel Libeskind is an architectural bijou, shopping center, multiplex cinema and restaurant, hotel and conference center, pool complex, spa and fitness center – all in one.

Westside

The BearPark is completely dedicated to Bern’s symbol. The visitors walkway down at the Aare river provides guests with incredible insight into the life of bears. With an inclined elevator.

BearPark

Visitors can become acquainted with the zoo and its more than 200 different animal species on 365 days a year. The zoo lies between the Aare and the Dählhölzli forest.

Zoological Garden Dählhölzli

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Bern Ticket
When you book tourist accommodation in the city of Bern, you will be given a Travel Card valid throughout your entire stay.

Free travel on public transport in zones 100/101 operated by the LIBERO Association including
- Gurten funicular
- Marzilibahn funicular
- Elevator to the Minster Platform
- Travel to and from BERN Airport.

On your day of arrival, your reservation confirmation can be used as a transfer ticket from the station or the airport of Bern to your accommodation.

Timetable and information at:
www.mylibero.ch

Bicycle & E-Bike Rental
Bike sharing is an ideal addition to private and public transport for short distances. PubliBike’s bicycles and e-bikes get you from A to B quickly and easily.

Switzerland’s largest bike-sharing network will ultimately include around 200 stations with 2,400 bikes and e-bikes.

- Up to 30 minutes CHF 3.– per bicycle / CHF 4.50 per e-bike
- Daily flat rate (max. 24 hours) CHF 20.– per bicycle /
  CHF 40.– per e-bike

www.publibike.ch

Walking Routes for Everyone
Explore Bern on walking routes created by locals and travel experts. Find a walking map that fits your interests and discover the Swiss capital.

www.walkli.com/routes/Bern

Further information
Bern Welcome, Tourist Information
Bahnhofplatz 10a | 3011 Bern | T +41 (0)31 328 12 12
info@bern.com | Bern.com/information

City Tours

UNESCO Stroll Through the Old Town
2 hrs, max. 20 people: CHF 300.–* A tour of discovery on foot through the Old Town of Bern and past the most beautiful attractions of this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

City Tour by Bus
1 hr 30 min in own bus: CHF 300.–* Bus rental upon request. City tour through Bern in your own bus, led by a knowledgeable local guide, taking in the sights and attractions of Bern.

Sytglogge (Clock Tower)
50 min, max. 20 people: CHF 250.–* (all inclusive) An excursion into the fascinating technology of the Middle Ages (clockwork mechanism dating from the 16th century) and a unique view high above Bern’s alleyways and rooftops.

Pod AudioGuide
Up to 6 hrs: CHF 18.– | up to 24 hrs: CHF 25.– This different kind of city guide uses an iPod to take you to Bern’s most beautiful spots, complete with audio and pictorial explanations. Discover Bern through this multimedia experience - guided, but at your own pace.

Tour Escort
Rates 2019
1 hr: CHF 75.–
up to 5 hrs: CHF 350.–
up to 9 hrs: CHF 600.–
every additional hour: CHF 75.–

Our guides will welcome your group at your hotel or the main station and will escort or accompany you during short trips and excursions - anywhere in Switzerland.

Follow your nose
2 hrs, max. 10 people: CHF 600.–* with perfume workshop. Let yourself be seduced by the world of fragrances and the historic city center of Bern. Optional: Create your own perfume.

Rickshaw-Pod AudioGuide Tour
1 hr: CHF 85.– 2 hrs: CHF 160.– One rickshaw for two people, max. 4 rickshaws available. Get to know Bern at a leisurely pace from the comfort of a three-wheeled rickshaw.

*Prices valid as of April 2018
Subject to change

How to Get Around
Events

Artificial Ice Rink
18.12.2019 - 16.2.2020 In the winter, Bundesplatz (Parliament Square) becomes a playground for ice skaters. This artificial ice rink amid the unique setting of the Swiss Parliament Building is hugely popular with locals and tourists alike. Entry is free of charge. Ice skates are available to rent at the rink. Bern.com/events

International Jazz Festival Bern
11.3. - 18.5.2019 / 9.3. - 15.5.2020 Thanks to the staging of this international jazz festival, world-class jazz can be heard live in Bern. Attracting many visitors from home and abroad to the capital every year, the jazz festival has garnered a worldwide reputation as one of the most important traditional jazz events. www.jazzfestivalbern.ch

Gurten Festival
8. – 10.7.2019 / 15.7. – 18.7.2020 The Gurten Festival with its internationally renowned bands is an extremely popular, peaceful musical happening that takes place on Bern’s local mountain, the Gurten. The four-day, open-air music festival is aimed at a broad general public, and is legendary for its great atmosphere. www.gurtent festival.ch

Zapf!
15.6.2019 Bern has around 150 breweries and microbreweries – more than any other city in Switzerland. The Bernese are passionate about experimenting with hops and malt and studying the secrets behind the art of beer brewing. As a result the Swiss capital hosts the ZAPF! craft beer festival – it’s all about beer and food.

Buskers Bern Street Music Festival
8. – 10.8.2019 / 6. – 8.8.2020 Around 35 groups from all over the world enliven the lower Old Town of Bern with their music, performance art and charm. Some 150 professional artists give high-quality performances in the genres of music, pavement art, variety and comedy. www.buskersbern.ch

Brächete, Zäziwil
25.9.2019 / 30.9.2020 Using old tools of the trade, women in traditional dress demonstrate the process of transforming flax into beautiful tablecloths, linens and much more. At the market stands you will find regional specialties plus many traditional products.

Bern Museum Night
22.3.2019 / 20.3.2020 Cultural presentations and culinary treats abound in unfamiliar surroundings and at out of the ordinary times – It only happens once a year on Bern Museum Night. www.museumsnacht.bern.ch

Bern Carnival
7. – 9.3. 2019 / 27. – 29.2.2020 Once a year, the Bernese get all dressed up and celebrate until the wee hours of the morning. “Fasnacht” has become Switzerland’s third largest carnival of fun and frivolity. www.fasnacht.be

Berner Christmas Markets
30.11. – 28.12.2019 / December 2020 From enchanting fairy-tale worlds, traditional markets and winter pop-up bars to unique winter experiences. Bern in December is the perfect place to get in the Christmass mood. Bern.com/events

Zibelemärft (Onion Market)
25.11.2019 / 22.11.2020 The Zibelemärft (Onion Market) is a traditional folk festival that always takes place on the fourth Monday in November. Farmers from the surrounding areas bring more than 50 metric tons of onions – in artistically woven braids – and garlic to the capital. Bern.com/events

Rendez-vous Bundesplatz
23.11.2019 Rendez-vous Bundesplatz shows off the federal Parliament Building in a truly special light. The interplay of music in a variety of styles and monumental images meticulously fitted to the building creates a very special sensory experience. The free show lasts about 30 minutes and is presented several times a day. Bern.com/events

International Jazz Festival Bern
5. – 7.4.2019 Easter Egg Market
6. – 7.7.2019 Historical Handicraft Market
5. – 6.10.2019 Swiss Cheese Market
27.11. – 1.12.2019 Christmas Market Huttwil

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Further Information
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Albert Einstein

Albert Einstein – who isn’t familiar with him. Albert Einstein (1879 - 1955) was living in Bern when he created his famous formula E=mc² in 1905 and revolutionized our concept of space and time. Einstein plays a significant role in Bern: Besides the one-of-a-kind Einstein Museum, the Einstein House, the Einstein Kaffee and the Einstein city tour, Bern is also home to the unique Einstein benches.

The Museum Card entitles the bearer to free entry for a period of 24/48 hours to the permanent exhibitions and special collections of all museums which are members of the "museum bern" association.

Prices
- Prices are for adults aged 16 or over (date of birth)
- 24 hours CHF 28.–
- 48 hours CHF 35.–
- Note: Most museums are closed on Monday.

Want to take a souvenir photo with Albert Einstein? Or relax with a book or an ice cream while sitting next to the genius? You will find Bern’s famous resident on benches in four different locations in the city. The figure depicting Einstein in his earlier years can be found at the Rose Garden, the Bear Park, the Bern Historical Museum, and the University of Bern. Share your pictures with us.

@ilove_bern, #ilovebern, #einsteinselfie

The most comprehensive Einstein exhibition worldwide. Spread over 1,200m², original memorabilia, written records and film documentaries describe Einstein’s life and at the same time illustrate the history of the 20th century. Animated films, experiments and a virtual journey through the cosmos explain Einstein’s revolutionary theories. The Einstein Museum is part of the Bern Historical Museum.

In its permanent exhibition, it shows highlights from the fields of history, prehistory, early history and ethnography. The objects on display range from the Stone Age to the present, and are from cultures on every continent.

Group Package
- A one-hour guided tour through the Einstein exhibition
- Discount voucher for the museum shop
- An Einstein souvenir

Net rate: CHF 150.– per group plus CHF 13.– per person entrance fee (free entry with Swiss Travel Pass)

Languages: English, French, German, Italian, Mandarin
Max. 20 people per group
www.bhm.ch/en/booking-einstein

The Einstein House is located in the center of the Old Town, at Kramgasse 49 some 200 meters below the Zytglogge (Clock Tower). The pictures in the apartment - Einstein’s home between 1903 and 1905 - give an insight into Einstein’s years in Bern. Copies of documents and some of his writings supply information on his scientific work. It is here that Einstein developed his theory of relativity.

Further information
- Bern.com/Albert-Einstein
### Dining

#### Group Restaurants

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<td>Alikes Tramdepot</td>
<td>T +41 (0) 31 93 14 15 <a href="http://www.alikestramdepot.ch">www.alikestramdepot.ch</a></td>
<td>Traditional dishes, own beer brewery</td>
<td>Next to the BearPark, coach parking, beautiful view of the Old Town and the Aare.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cinematte</td>
<td>T +41 (0) 31 32 21 32 <a href="http://www.cinemate.ch">www.cinemate.ch</a></td>
<td>French cuisine with Mediterranean influence</td>
<td>A former steam power plant, right next to the Aare river.</td>
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<td>Dampfzentrale</td>
<td>T +41 (0) 38 32 34 00 <a href="http://www.dampfzentrale.ch">www.dampfzentrale.ch</a></td>
<td>Traditional dishes, Mediterranean creations</td>
<td>One of the oldest and most traditional restaurants near the Bern Minster.</td>
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<td>Harmonie</td>
<td>T +41 (0) 38 38 60 67 <a href="http://www.harmonies.ch">www.harmonies.ch</a></td>
<td>Fondue, cheese, open sandwiches, home-style fare</td>
<td>Views across Bern's Old Town. Modern ambiance with a 1950s style.</td>
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<td>Lötschberg</td>
<td>T +41 (0) 38 38 60 60 <a href="http://www.schweizerhof-bern.ch">www.schweizerhof-bern.ch</a></td>
<td>Traditional dishes, Mediterranean creations</td>
<td>Modern ambiance, close to the Aare river.</td>
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<td>Lorenzi</td>
<td>T +41 (0) 38 50 06 <a href="http://www.rosengarten.ch">www.rosengarten.ch</a></td>
<td>Italian, Tuscan, Mediterranean creations</td>
<td>Views across Bern's Old Town. Modern ambiance with a 1950s style.</td>
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<td>Rosengarten</td>
<td>T +41 (0) 33 51 52 06 <a href="http://www.rosengarten.ch">www.rosengarten.ch</a></td>
<td>Traditional dishes, Mediterranean creations</td>
<td>Modern ambiance with a 1950s style.</td>
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<td>Schwellenlätteli</td>
<td>T +41 (0) 38 38 60 08 <a href="http://www.schwellenmaetteli.ch">www.schwellenmaetteli.ch</a></td>
<td>Fish specialties</td>
<td>Berne Riviera, situated directly on the Aare.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Vervi</td>
<td>T +41 (0) 38 38 63 68 <a href="http://www.fischermatteli.ch">www.fischermatteli.ch</a></td>
<td>Traditional Italian dining culture</td>
<td>Numinous memorabilia are reminiscent of the composer. With gallery and vaulted cellar.</td>
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#### Asian & Middle Eastern Restaurants

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<td>Dalun</td>
<td>T 41 (0) 38 50 20 50 <a href="http://www.dalun.ch">www.dalun.ch</a></td>
<td>Chinese</td>
<td>Group restaurant in the Lorraine district.</td>
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<td>Plattform</td>
<td>T 41 (0) 38 54 00 <a href="http://www.plattform.ch">www.plattform.ch</a></td>
<td>Chinese</td>
<td>Mix of Chinese, Thai, pizzeria, steakhouse all under one roof. Groups and FIT.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Yu</td>
<td>T 41 (0) 38 52 02 <a href="http://www.yu-bern.ch">www.yu-bern.ch</a></td>
<td>Chinese</td>
<td>Recommended for business lunches and FITs located in Hotel Alagro.</td>
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<td>Fischermätteli/Hua Yuan</td>
<td>T 41 (0) 38 57 49 <a href="http://www.fischermatteli.ch">www.fischermatteli.ch</a></td>
<td>Chinese</td>
<td>Traditional group restaurant close to the main station.</td>
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<td>Boky</td>
<td>T 41 (0) 38 28 28 <a href="http://www.boky.ch">www.boky.ch</a></td>
<td>Chinese</td>
<td>Traditional group restaurant close to the main station.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tien Tian</td>
<td>T 41 (0) 37 32 32 <a href="http://www.tien-tian.ch">www.tien-tian.ch</a></td>
<td>Chinese</td>
<td>Authentic traditional FIT restaurant.</td>
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<td>Taisi</td>
<td>T 41 (0) 37 99 99 <a href="http://www.taisi.ch">www.taisi.ch</a></td>
<td>Japanese</td>
<td>Teppanyaki restaurant at Hotel Ambassador.</td>
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<td>Sushi Bar Yamasaki</td>
<td>T 41 (0) 31 75 70 <a href="http://www.sushi-bar-berne.ch">www.sushi-bar-berne.ch</a></td>
<td>Japanese</td>
<td>Japanese FIT restaurant in the heart of the Old Town.</td>
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<td>Jaggo</td>
<td>T 41 (0) 30 01 00 <a href="http://www.jaggo.ch">www.jaggo.ch</a></td>
<td>Japanese</td>
<td>Japanese QUIET restaurant in the city center.</td>
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<td>Oishi Sushi &amp; Grill</td>
<td>T 41 (0) 38 15 18 <a href="http://www.oishi-berne.ch">www.oishi-berne.ch</a></td>
<td>Japanese</td>
<td>FIT restaurant close to the main station.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fuji</td>
<td>T 41 (0) 38 25 11 <a href="http://www.fuji.ch">www.fuji.ch</a></td>
<td>Japanese / Thai</td>
<td>FIT restaurant with innovative and modern dishes, close to the BearPark.</td>
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<td>Sonya</td>
<td>T 41 (0) 38 18 88 <a href="http://www.sonya.ch">www.sonya.ch</a></td>
<td>Pan-Asian</td>
<td>Close to the Zytglogge (Clock Tower). For FIT and small groups.</td>
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<td>Airing</td>
<td>T 41 (0) 38 29 45 <a href="http://www.sario-berne.ch">www.sario-berne.ch</a></td>
<td>Korean</td>
<td>Family-owned restaurant close to the main station.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Okra</td>
<td>T 41 (0) 32 18 44 <a href="http://www.okra.ch">www.okra.ch</a></td>
<td>Indian</td>
<td>Authentic Indian cuisine in the Lorraine district.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Way to India</td>
<td>T 41 (0) 38 50 00 <a href="http://www.waytoindia-berne.ch">www.waytoindia-berne.ch</a></td>
<td>Indian</td>
<td>On three floors at Barenplatz close to the Parliament Building.</td>
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<td>Maharaja Palace</td>
<td>T 41 (0) 38 50 00 <a href="http://www.maharaja-berne.ch">www.maharaja-berne.ch</a></td>
<td>Indian</td>
<td>First traditional Indian restaurant in Bern. Recommended for groups and FITs.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Domino</td>
<td>T 41 (0) 38 54 41 <a href="http://www.domino-berne.ch">www.domino-berne.ch</a></td>
<td>Lebanese / Maltese</td>
<td>Family restaurant close to the main station.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mont Liban</td>
<td>T 41 (0) 38 07 77 <a href="http://www.mont-liban-berne.ch">www.mont-liban-berne.ch</a></td>
<td>Lebanese / Maltese</td>
<td>Oriental delicacies in the Bärenplatzan district.</td>
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### Bernese Specialties

- Bernese platter (sausagekraut or green beans with tongue sausage, pork loin, bacon and potatoes)
- Bernese Rööi
- Bernese onion soup
- Tobolereine mousse
- Anisezüppe (braided bread)
- Meinigs<br>
- Mandelbärli (almond bears)
- Bernese hazelnut gingerbread
- Bärner Müntschi (local beer)

### Tips

Tips are included in prices. The amount is often rounded up at the diner’s discretion.

Further information

- Bern.com/eat-drink
Hotels

Whether you are looking for an exclusive 5-star hotel or a cozy guesthouse, authentic surroundings or modern architecture, you are certain to find suitable accommodation in Bern. There is a total of 48 hotels with 2,504 rooms available.

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More information about individual hotels can be found in the hotel list. Hotel reservations for groups can be made conveniently with Bern Welcome.

Alternative Accommodation
- Bed & Breakfast
- Apartments
- Camping sites
- Temporary housing

Bern Ticket
When you book tourist accommodation in the city of Bern, you will be given a Bern Ticket valid throughout your entire stay. Enjoy free travel on public transport in zones 100/101 operated by the LIBERO Association.

Further information
- Bern.com/accommodation

Special Offers
Are you familiar with our package offers? Do you wish to make Bern the starting point for your Switzerland tour? We can provide you with tried and tested suggestions, as well as put together an offer tailored specifically to your needs at no extra charge.

Further information
- T +41 (0)31 328 12 60, meetings@bern.com

The capital’s luxury address

The vibrant hotel of the Swiss government with a history extending back 150 years – the Bellevue Palace is the only Grand Hotel in the heart of Bern, the capital of Switzerland.

- 128 rooms including 26 suites
- 12 banquet and meeting rooms, with a capacity up to 400 participants, cocktail receptions for up to 1000 guests
- Valet parking service available
- 16-point GaultMillau restaurant «VUE»

Kochergasse 3-5 · CH-3011 Bern · +41 (0) 32 320 45 45 · info@bellevue-palace.ch · www.bellevue-palace.ch
Hotel Schweizerhof Bern & THE SPA

A centrally located luxury hotel in Bern: 99 rooms and suites, 11 meeting and event rooms, Jack's Brasserie (14 Gault Millau points), the Lobby Bar, the photo lounge, Sky Terrace and THE SPA (open 365 days a year).

Motel 160

Swiss Quality Hotel

An extraordinary hotel paradise with a resort feel in the heart of Bern. 99 modern and air-conditioned, non-smoking rooms with free WLAN. Enjoy the Bernese breakfast buffet and use of the fitness area.

Abode

Central located 3-star hotel, 59 modern rooms, a Three-minute walk from Bern main station. Indoor parking. Conference/seminar rooms for 2 to 480 people.

Best Western Hotel Bern

Meeting Facilities

This business, meeting and leisure hotel is part of the Westside leisure and shopping center and offers 132 stylishly designed rooms, an exhibition area and the Stade de Suisse. In addition to 53 stylishly designed rooms, the hotel facilities are also rounded off with a restaurant with a winter garden, a gym and a conference room.

Hotel Savoy

Meeting Facilities

2017 completely renovated Savoy is a successful blend of design and tradition. Every new feature complements each other harmoniously. Renovated rooms and plenty of modernity throughout the hotel. The ideal location in the Old Town and its proximity to Bern main station remain unchanged.

Hotel Bären am Bundesplatz

Meeting Facilities

Renovated in early 2015, the Hotel Bären am Bundesplatz is situated in the Old Town, right in the heart of Bern. The newly renovated rooms combine modernity and comfort and offer an exceptional range of amenities.

Hotel Bristol

Meeting Facilities

At the Bristol in Bern, you will not only be able to recuperate physically, but mentally, too. It is the perfect hotel with views of the grey foggy weather of everyday life. 100 rooms at the heart of Bern's Old Town, Swiss sleeping comfort with Elite beds, in-house bar & lounge, high-speed Internet.

Ador

Central located 3-star hotel, 59 modern rooms, a Three-minute walk from Bern main station. Indoor parking. Conference/seminar rooms for 2 to 480 people.

Hotel Alpenblick - welcome hotels

Just a few minutes’ walk from the main station. The 3-star hotel offers modern comfort in spacious rooms. Free WLAN.

Arabelle

Centrally located hotel near the main station and Bern's famous shopping arcades. Lots of attractions and shopping facilities, the Parliament Building, and tram stations are all nearby. The 3-star hotel offers modern comfort in spacious rooms. Free WLAN.

Goldener Schlüssel

A charming hotel and restaurant built in the unique style of a traditional Bernese Old Town house. It keeps from the famous Zwinglaufen (Clock Tower) Bern's oldest guesthouse. The restaurant is one of the last traditional inns and offers sophisticated Swiss cuisine.

Hotel City am Bahnhof

A centrally located hotel near the main station and Bern's famous shopping arcades. Lots of attractions and shopping facilities, the Parliament Building, and tram stations are all nearby. The 3-star hotel offers modern comfort in spacious rooms. Free WLAN.
Modern, elegant, Swiss: enjoy our high standards of hospitality. More information at www.hotelsavoybern.ch
As it always was. Experience tradition and contemporary charm, sophisticated gastronomy and hotel accommodation, and seminar and banquet rooms for every occasion.

T +41 (0)34 420 77 77
www.hotel-orchidee.ch

A recently renovated hotel with spacious non-smoking rooms offering modern furnishings. Perfect for private and business guests. Open 365 days a year, check-in or check-out any time from 2 p.m. thanks to key safe. The hotel is 17 minutes from Bern via suburban railway. Free parking.

T +41 (0)34 694 22 14
www.hotel-niederschli.ch

Modern, luxurious apartments with hotel service. Peaceful, stylish location amid nature. Free wellness with lots of Swiss specialties. Perfect for various hiking or cycling trails. Experience typical Emmental hospitality!

T +41 (0)31 530 07 07
www.fineadobe.com

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www.fineadobe.com
Aarwangen’s granary, dating from 1616, is the home of the Langatun whisky distillation. Find out how whisky gains its alcohol and gets its colour. Learn about the whisky production process on tours, in seminars or even by having a go at distillation yourself. www.langatun.ch

Over the fire or in modern copper vats – the show cheese dairy covering some 17,500 m² will give you an up close look at the production of the world-renowned Emmentaler AOP. Tours are offered in various languages. Free admission. Open 365 days a year. www.emmentaler-schaukaeserei.ch

The bell foundry in Bärau has been producing and selling a variety of bells since 1730. With professional help, you and your group can cast your very own bell. Tours available upon request. www.swissbells.ch

Discover the secrets of the art of fine biscuit-making of Switzerland’s most preferred biscuit brand with all your senses. Take your pick of over 100 varieties of biscuits. Tip: Take the Kambly Train from Bern (Tue-Sun at 9:36 a.m.). Open daily, free entry. www.kambly.ch

Enjoy fabulous views of the impressive mountain scenery or historic castles and romantic waterside locations, and combine your trip with a delicious lunch. Or would you prefer an unforgettable sunset during an evening boat trip? There is something for every taste. www.bls.ch/boat

Experience lively traditions in the famous Emmental region - visit the truly unique traditional craft businesses of Wasen. Learn about typical Swiss products and peek over the shoulder of artisans at work, such as the Schwyzerörgeli builder, saddler or watchmaker.

The Design Tour offers exciting insights into the development and production of design products, a process nurtured for more than 120 years. This tourist program offers two types of visits to five design companies: an individual showroom tour or a guided factory tour. www.designtour.ch

The Gantrisch Panoramic Trail is a nicely developed mountain trail offering views extending from the Alps to the Jura Mountains and the Black Forest. The hike begins in Zollhaus and ends at the Gurnigel Berghaus. Take a detour on the Gaggersteg, which is partially elevated on wooden planks. www.gantarisch-panoramaweg.ch

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The Abegg Foundation in Riggisberg is home to one of the world’s most significant textile collections. It is a center for research and the conservation of historical textile fabrics. Museum and alternating special exhibits. www.abegg-stiftung.ch

Experience an unforgettable journey from Lucerne to Montreux aboard three luxury trains and enjoy an extraordinary trip with breathtaking scenery. Three mountain passes, the famous 4,000-meter high peaks of the Alps and eight lakes make for unforgettable excursions. www.blis.ch/goldenpass

An unforgettable experience during a day out at the Maison Cailler. Imagine a place where all your senses can be immersed in the wonderful world of Callier chocolate. Discover the different production stages of the Callier chocolate bars and learn more about cocoa. www.cailler.ch

Gently rolling hills, secluded paths, beautiful forests and a breathtaking view of the Alps are what you can expect along the most beautiful bike routes in Switzerland with FLYER e-bikes. The Herzroute leads over 13 impressive day-long stages. www.herzroute.ch

Highlights Discovery Map
Day or Half-day Excursions for FITs

See Discovery Map

City Tour
The best way you can get to know the unique beauty of Bern's Old Town with its arcades and attractions is by joining the UNESCO Old Town Stroll.

CHF 25.– per person
Free of charge with Swiss Travel Pass
April – October: daily / November – March: Saturday

11:00 a.m.
Meeting point at the Tourist Information at the main station.
On the tour, you can admire the Late Gothic Minster (Münster), the Parliament Building, the Prison Tower (Käfigturm) and the famous Clock Tower (Zytglogge) — the oldest gate to the city of Bern from the 13th century.
12:30 p.m.
Lunch at a restaurant in Bern, e.g. at the Rose Garden.

2:36 p.m.
Bern departure by train.
3:11 p.m.
Arrival at Trubschachen.
Visit the Kambly Experience, just next to the railway station and take your pick from over 100 varieties of biscuits at the factory store.
4:44 p.m.
Trubschachen departure by train.
5:26 p.m.
Arrival in Bern.

Kambly Experience
Experience over 100 years of tradition in fine biscuit making in the Emmental valley.

*Travel costs Bern – Trubschachen – Bern
CHF 41.20 per person
Free of charge with Swiss Travel Pass

Emmental Cheese Village
Visit the Emmental Show Dairy in the idyllic countryside of the Emmental valley.

*Travel costs Bern – Affoltern i.E. – Bern
CHF 36.80 per person
Free of charge with Swiss Travel Pass

*Tickets available at the Tourist Information at the main station

Excursion Jungfraujoch
High alpine round trip excursion to the Jungfraujoch at 3,454 meters a.s.l.

*Travel costs Bern – Jungfraujoch – Bern
CHF 266.80 per person
CHF 96.– per person with Swiss Travel Pass

Excursion Lake Geneva Region
The French-speaking region around Montreux with its vineyards on Lake Geneva is also known as "Switzerland's Riviera".

*Travel costs Bern – Château de Chillon – Lausanne – Bern
CHF 77.– per person
Free of charge with Swiss Travel Pass

Excursion Schilthorn - Piz Gloria
The most impressive 360° panorama experience in the Alps awaits you here. Enjoy the breathtaking view of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau (UNESCO World Heritage Site).

*Travel costs Bern - Schilthorn Piz Gloria – Bern
CHF 185.– per person
Free of charge with Swiss Travel Pass

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Further information
 Bern.com/excursions
Discover and enjoy the Kambly Experience

Experience over 100 years of tradition in fine biscuit making in the heart of Switzerland.

The Kambly Experience in Trubschachen is one of the finest attractions in the Emmental valley. Discover the origins of Kambly, Switzerland’s most popular biscuit brand, and the secrets of the art of fine biscuit making with all your senses. Light and sound effects will lead you through the history of Kambly in German, English, French or Italian.

Take your pick of over 100 varieties of biscuits at the Kambly Factory Store. Enjoy a delicious coffee or tea accompanied by a small treat at the Kambly Café while looking over our master confectioners’ shoulders at the Demonstration Confectionary. The Kambly Experience is easily reached from Berne in 35 minutes by train or in 40 minutes by car or coach. The entry is free.

Baking Workshop
Look over the shoulders of the Kambly Master Confectioners and discover the secrets of the art of fine biscuit making. Create your own biscuits under the guidance of the Kambly Master Confectioners and learn more about the fine art of making premium biscuits. Number of participants: 2-28, Price per group: CHF 100.00 up to 14 participants, CHF 200.00 15-28 participants, duration: 2 - 3 hours.

Kambly Roundtrip
This unique day-trip by train and boat links the world-famous Swiss tourist locations Lucerne, Interlaken and Berne and leads you to the most beautiful corners of central Switzerland. Enjoy magnificent views of snow-capped peaks, deep blue lakes and lush green meadows and discover vibrant towns as well as the Kambly Experience in Trubschachen. Free of charge with Swiss Travel Pass.

Make your own Bretzeli
Oscar Kambly started baking the Bretzeli 1906 according to his grandmother’s recipe. The Master Confectioner assists the group in baking the Bretzeli on a historical oven. Afterwards the freshly baked Bretzeli can exclusively be tasted as well as handmade Swiss chocolate. Number of participants: 10-50, Price per person: CHF 10.00 including a Kambly gift. Duration: 45 - 60 minutes.

Information and booking: Kambly Experience, Muehlestrasse 8, CH-3555 Trubschachen Ph. +41 34 495 02 22, reservation@kambly.ch, www.kambly.com/touroperator
The Emmental valley produces culinary masterpieces that are enjoyed all around the world. The family-run company Kambly in Trubschachen has been making fine biscuits for 110 years – including the classic Kambly Bretzeli. And the nearby Emmental Show Dairy in Affoltern produces the original Emmentaler AOP cheese (the one with the holes). The Swiss Culinary Delights tour allows groups to visit these places. They receive unique insight into the production processes and can taste the products themselves.

Tour includes
- Visit to the Kambly Experience and sample around 100 different Kambly specialties
- Bretzeli baking, under expert supervision including a surprise gift
- Exclusive tasting of fresh Bretzeli and handmade Swiss chocolate
- Guided tour and cheese tasting at the Emmental Show Dairy
- Lunch, including a soft drink and water

Itinerary
9:30 a.m. Departure from Bern.
10:15 a.m. Stop at Lueg viewpoint. Stunning views across the Emmental valley to the Bernese Alps.
11:00 a.m. Arrival at the Emmental Show Dairy in Affoltern i.E. Guided tour, including cheese tasting and lunch.
12:15 p.m. Free time for shopping and looking around the dairy independently.
1:00 p.m. Departure for the Kambly Experience.
1:45 p.m. Arrival at the Kambly Experience in Trubschachen. Bretzeli baking, plus visit to the Kambly Experience and time for shopping.
3:15 p.m. Departure from the Kambly Experience.
4:00 p.m. Arrival in Bern.

Prices and conditions
- CHF 35.– per person (net price for tour operators).
- Minimum 10 people, maximum 50 people.
- Payment on invoice, in cash or by credit card.
- Cancellation fee: free up to 30 days before the event, 50% 10-29 days before the event, 100% 0-9 days before the event.
- Reservations are required. Please contact:

Emmentaler Schaukäserei, Schaukäsereistrasse 6, 3416 Affoltern i.E., T +41 (0)34 435 16 11
info@emmentaler-schaukaeserei.ch | www.kambly.com/touroperator

Kambly and Cailler Discovery

Enjoy a three-day mini-vacation by rail, featuring both the Kambly and Cailler Experiences, and enjoy the stunning scenery of western Switzerland with the history and charm of the capital, Bern (two nights).

Tour includes
- 1 x 3-day Swiss Travel Pass for unlimited travel on Swiss Travel System
- 1 x boat trip (Interlaken Ost to Brienz)
- 2 x overnight stay with breakfast in Bern
- 1 x Swiss Coupon Pass including:
  - 2 for 1 offer on Bern AudioGuide
  - 2 for 1 offer on lunch on Lake Brienz
  - 2 for 1 offer on entrance to Maison Cailler
  - 2 for 1 deals across Lucerne
  - 2 for 1 Kambly Experience voucher
- 10% discount voucher on all purchases over CHF 50.– at the Kambly Factory Shop

Itinerary
Day 1 Collect your AudioGuides and enjoy a guided tour of Bern’s magnificent UNESCO-listed Old Town at your own pace. Overnight in Bern.
Day 2 Visit the home of Cailler chocolate factory where you can discover the world of the oldest Swiss chocolate brand. You travel onwards via the shores of Lake Geneva and Montreux, and back to Bern via Spiez – a fantastic round trip by rail.
Day 3 Board the boat at Lake Thun, travel across Lake Brienz. At Brienz, take the train over the Brunig Pass, via Lucerne to Trubschachen, where you can discover the origins of Switzerland’s best known premium biscuit brand and enjoy moments of delight at the “Kambly Experience”. Afterwards, take the train back to Bern to collect your luggage from the hotel.

Individual return journey.

Prices and conditions
- 3-star hotel: CHF 605.– per/p in a SGL, CHF 479.– per/p in a DBL
- 4-star hotel: CHF 675.– per/p in a SGL, CHF 515.– per/p in a DBL
- Valid until 31.12.2019
- Rates are commissionable 20%
Reasons to choose Bern

- **Switzerland’s Capital City**
  Located in the middle of Europe and in the heart of Switzerland, Bern is the country’s capital city. It is the political and economic heart of the country and – as a university city – a center of education and science with renowned research centers. No wonder Albert Einstein invented his relativity theory while living in Bern. The compact city size and free public transportation are an additional plus for your meetings.

- **Savoire-Vivre**
  The Bernese are known for their unhurried attitude. Due to the laid-back lifestyle, conference participants find themselves in a relaxed atmosphere and can easily focus on the relevant. But savoir-vivre also means culinary indulgence – whether it’s a star-rated gourmet dish or a simple outdoor cheese fondue, Bern offers an unprecedented diversity of culinary delights.

- **Urban Nature**
  As an urban melting pot, the city still manages to keep its rural characteristics. Recreational areas – such as public parks, outdoor swimming pools and the Aare river – are an essential part of the cityscape and daily life. Bern’s central location makes it a perfect hub for outings in the region, to the Alps or throughout Switzerland.

- **Living Tradition**
  The city and region of Bern are rich in customs and traditions that still play a big part in daily life. Experience a combination of urban and rural lifestyles and learn more about the legend of our city’s emblem, the bear, our Zibelemärit (Onion Market) an urban folk festival, and the secrets of cheese making amidst the picturesque landscape of the nearby Emmental valley.

- **Cultural Diversity**
  Bern is considered a boutique town of cultural world format that became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1983. Forty renowned cultural institutions make Bern a true citadel of culture. With the Zentrum Paul Klee (designed by Renzo Piano) and the Westside shopping and leisure center (designed by Daniel Libeskind) two architectural gems stand alongside the medieval architecture of the Old Town.

- **A City of Sport**
  The Bernese are proud of their successful soccer team and their ice hockey club with the highest density of spectators in Europe. Bern also enjoys rising popularity as a hosting destination of major international sports events such as the European Soccer Championships (2008), the Ice Hockey World Championships (2009) and the Tour de France (2016). Individuals also benefit from a wide range of sports activities in town: from jogging and biking routes to public events such as the "Bern Grand Prix" running festival.

### Bern Meetings & Events Services

#### Your Event Destination

Whether you are planning a convention, a conference, an annual meeting or an incentive trip, with Bern as your event destination, you will be right on target. The unique charm of the Swiss capital, the unparalleled mixture of traditional and modern, its compact size and its location as a gateway to the Alps make Bern the perfect region for your next event.

#### Contact

**Bern Meetings & Events**

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meetings@bern.com, Bern.com/meetings

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#### Your Onsite DMC/PCO

Are you planning an event in Bern? Our team at Bern Meetings & Events is eager to support you with inside knowledge and advice free of charge, making your event in Bern a guaranteed success. Bern Meetings & Events is an affiliated company of Bern Welcome and your onsite DMC/PCO. We offer tailor-made services for your event according to your needs.
Venues

BERNEXPO is Bern’s most important platform for live events. BERNEXPO helps forge long-term relationships between people and brands – be it through small meetings, conventions with up to 5,000 delegates, public exhibitions, live concerts, or circus performances on Switzerland’s largest fairgrounds (100,000 m²), six exhibition halls with 40,000 m² of event space or the convention center with eight meeting rooms, a plenary room and a foyer.

Up to 5,000 people

Internationally acclaimed as a state-of-the-art Swiss venue for conventions, banquets, entertainment and gastronomy, it is Bern’s biggest convention center. It boasts a spacious glass-fronted forum measuring 2,000 m² for receptions, exhibitions or gala dinners with spectacular views of the Old Town and the Alps and a multi-functional arena for up to 1,500 people. An additional 29 conference rooms and three restaurants complement the offer. Kursaal Bern connects to the four-star superior Hotel Allegro with 171 hotel rooms as well as the Grand Casino Bern with its own multi-story parking facility.

Up to 1,500 people

The PostFinance Arena – home to SC Bern, one of Switzerland’s major ice hockey teams – is the ideal setting for all kinds of events with professional onsite catering provided by Sportgastro Plc. Meeting facilities and gala dinner venues include a business center, various restaurants and VIP boxes. All meeting rooms are wheelchair accessible and equipped with data projectors, presentation screens, flat screens and cordless microphones. The grounds in front of the stadium and even the entire arena (17,031 people) are available to rent, too.

Up to 800 people

Inspiration, creativity, relaxation: Surroundings play a key role in conferences and retreats. This becomes very clear at Castle Hüningen. The 16th-century castle is located within a romantic park with over 3,000 roses, just a stone’s throw away from Bern and at the gateway to the scenic Emmental valley. Equipped with 14 splendid halls and meeting venues, 49 hotel rooms and first-class hospitality, the castle guarantees a successful and memorable event.

Up to 250 people

Venues at a Glance

Here’s a selection of Bern’s wide variety of meeting and event facilities in the city center or the nearby countryside for up to 5,000 participants.

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Venues in the city

BERNEXPO

Kursaal Bern

PostFinance Arena

Zentrum Paul Klee

Castle Hünigen

Further information

Bern.com/venues
**Gala Dinner**

Gastronomy is the best way to experience a destination. Making a gala dinner a memorable occasion depends on three key factors: location, food and atmosphere. When it comes to exceptional restaurants offering the finest cuisine, Bern ranks at the top of the list among Swiss cities. Whether you are looking for casual, traditional or gourmet, you will find the right restaurant in Bern!

**Kornhauskeller**
The Kornhauskeller (Granary) is one of Switzerland’s most impressive public spaces with its astounding spatial dimensions. In Bern’s most magnificent vaulted cellar restaurant, your guests will enjoy festive banquets in an unforgettable atmosphere.
- Seating for up to 700 people

**Stufenbau Eventlocation**
The modern infrastructure with four rooms and a lovely garden as well as the extraordinary ambiance – a cross between lounge and factory – provide for a lot of options with a touch of industry chic.
- Seating for up to 290 people

**Schwellenmätteli Restaurants**
Your gala dinner with a Mediterranean feel. The Schwellenmätteli Restaurants are located right on the bank of the Aare river, yet in the middle of the city. Choose from three venues – from the cozy chalet-style restaurant or the trendy glass cube to the multifunctional culture lounge.
- Seating for up to 180 people

**Gurten – Park im Grünen**
Events with a view on Bern’s local mountain, the Gurten. Choose from the Uptown converted barn or the panoramic glass pavilion with a spectacular view of the city and the Alps. You enter a new world as soon as you take the panoramic funicular up the Gurten.
- Seating for up to 500 people

**Lake Thun or Lake Biel**
Majestic peaks and snow-covered mountains stand guard and historical castles twinkle from the shore as you and your guests cruise across the waters of a Swiss lake.
- Boats for up to 700 people

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**Verdi**
Restaurant of tradition with unique cachet.
Classical dishes from Verdi’s home, the region of Emiglia-Romagna, as spaghettini «alla Traviata», bollito misto, filetto «Giuseppe Verdi».

Verdi
Gerechtigkeitsgasse 7
3011 Bern
031 312 63 68
bindella.ch

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**Kornhauskeller**
One of the most magnificent restaurants in Switzerland.
Where «cucina italiana» (coppaccio, pasta, risotto) perfectly wed Swiss kitchen (sliced veal Zurich style with roesti potatoes, original «Berner Platte»).

Kornhauskeller
Kornhausplatz 18
3011 Bern
031 327 72 72
kornhauskeller.ch
Social Program

Why not spice up your event in Bern with a memorable team activity? We develop your program with confidence, incorporating just the right mix of fun and action.

Creative Workshop at Zentrum Paul Klee
Visit the CREATIVA workshop at Zentrum Paul Klee and try your hand as an artist, inspired by Paul Klee’s original artwork! Creative programs foster team spirit and allow you to visualize your creativity. It is ideal for 5 to 70 participants.

Aare Floating
Discover the city of Bern from a whole new perspective during a rafting tour along the Aare river. Mighty sandstone bridges, narrow half-timbered houses, and the natural curves of the river landscape make this an exciting and richly diverse trip.

Farm Olympics
Who will be the champion in cow milking, Swiss wrestling or milk-churn cricket? Spice up your team event with “Swiss-style” Olympic Games, followed by a savory farmer’s lunch on a working farm amidst the stunning scenery of the Emmental with its rolling hills, enchanting valleys and lush meadows, only a stone’s throw away from Bern.

Tabtour
The high-tech team challenge combines adventure and a spirit of discovery. Divided in groups, the participants embark on an interactive journey through the city of Bern. Equipped with tablet PCs and GPS, the teams start to discover Bern, solve riddles and tasks and build teamwork. Innovative features such as navigation, camera and video make this scavenger hunt very special. Creativity, team spirit and cleverness are required. Interaction, fun and excitement are guaranteed.

Chillfood
Back to the simple and sustainable things in life – back to just “chilling.” Chillfood offers exciting culinary experiences, where teams cook dishes from around the world on an open fire using carefully selected ingredients. Many unusual settings serve as the “kitchen” for these events – from old monasteries and industrial buildings to glaciers and Alpine huts. This fiery adventure is a fun activity that helps you slow down and grow closer together as a team.

Further information
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Technical Visits

As a university city and an industrial location, Bern is home to experts in almost all areas who could enhance your conference. There are institutes and clinics with 350 professors available to be called upon for panel discussions. Various institutions and companies open their doors to specialist visitors and to exchange knowledge.

University, Research
Eight university faculties, around 256 institutes and specialist centers make Bern a key educational location. Visit your colleagues and exchange ideas.
- Tours, visits and specialist presentations upon request

Medicine
Visit the University of Bern’s Faculty of Medicine or the University Hospital Insel, and meet eminent authorities in areas such as heart medicine, dentistry, and veterinary science.
- Tours and specialist presentations upon request

Astronomy
The Institute of Physics of the University of Bern was significantly involved in the mission of Apollo 11 and the first moon landing in 1969. Furthermore, two local observatories link Bern with the rest of the universe.
- Visit the Uecht Observatory after dark

Energy
From solar, wind, water, and nuclear power to a district heating incinerator, the Bern region offers exciting tours of all its power plants.
- Tours (1.5 hours) to day trips

Industry
The e-bike was invented in Bern, some of the highest-quality textiles available come from Langenthal, and a food manufacturer from Ostermundigen exports all over the world. Follow the footsteps of Bern’s entrepreneurs.
- Tours, specialist presentations from 1.5 hours to day trips
Take your guests to the City Theater of Bern in their best attire and surprise them with a concert by the Bern Symphony Orchestra. The orchestra looks back on a 140-year tradition as the official orchestra of the capital city of Switzerland. With 100 musicians from more than 20 different nations, the symphony orchestra radiates a special energy that makes every concert a unique experience.

A childhood dream comes true. Experience the dream of flying after climbing in the helicopter cockpit and taking over the controls under the guidance of an experienced pilot. The canton of Bern is a true wonderland for helicopter flights. No other region in the world combines so many fantastic landscapes in such a small space.

Have you ever wondered how a watch is made? Or what the parts that bring life to these precious timepieces look like? Discover the fascinating world of watchmaking in a watchmaking workshop in the heart of the Watch Valley, close to Bern. Under the guidance of a professional watchmaker you will get the unique opportunity to assemble your very own mechanical watch – a precious souvenir to take home.

Try your luck at the Grand Casino Bern – whether at blackjack, American roulette or poker. There are also 350 slot machines waiting for lucky winners. You read that right; winners! The Grand Casino Bern, one of eight A-casinos in Switzerland, is one of the casinos with the highest payout ratio in Switzerland with approximately 94% of the stakes paid out again.

Visit one of the numerous sports events with an international reputation – be it the legendary “World Cup Men’s Downhill Race” on the ski slopes of Lauberhorn, the ATP tennis tournament “Swiss Open Gstaad” or an ice hockey match at the PostFinance Arena in Bern, the ice hockey stadium with the highest average number of spectators in Europe.

Incentives

Inspire people, reward teamwork, motivate employees. Bern is full of surprises with many unexpected possibilities and ideas. Whether it is a sophisticated program for your successful sales force or an unforgettable travel reward, we help you find the right components for your trip. Here is an attractive sampling:

- Bern Symphony Orchestra
- Fly Your Own Helicopter
- Assemble Your Own Watch
- Grand Casino Bern
- Sports Events of International Caliber

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CH-3001 Bern
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info@schweizerhof-bern.ch
schweizerhof-bern.ch
Excursions

Bern is the ideal base from which to make memorable half-day or day trips. Taste the real Emmental cheese at the Emmental Show Dairy, enjoy all the excited gasps during a breathtaking trip along the Eiger North Face up to the Jungfraujoch, or immerse yourself in the world of chocolate at the Cailler Chocolate Factory.

- **Emmental Show Dairy**: How does the famous Swiss cheese get its holes? At the Emmental Show Dairy you will learn all about the history and production of the world-famous Emmental AOP cheese. You will experience both traditional and modern production techniques and can even try your hand at it during the cheese production over an open fire.

- **Jungfraujoch – Top of Europe**: Jungfraujoch – Top of Europe is a highlight of every Switzerland trip. Europe’s highest train station is located 3,454 meters above sea level. Enjoy the Alpine panorama, the Alpine Sensation experience tour, the highest Lindt shop in the world, the Ice Palace and the views of the Aletsch glacier (a UNESCO World Heritage Site). On clear days, the vista from the Sphinx panorama terrace stretches as far as the Swiss border.

- **Cailler Chocolate Factory**: Do you dream of visiting a real chocolate factory? At Maison Cailler, you are introduced to the secrets of the world’s oldest chocolate brand with all your senses. The journey begins with Aztec cocoa ceremonies and leads to the chocolate innovations of today. Follow the irresistible scent of freshly prepared chocolate and taste it. At the Atelier du Chocolat you can even create your own chocolate artwork and take it back home.

- **Ride Through the Vineyards**: Let yourself be inspired by the charming vineyards around Lake Biel during a fun scooter descent and enjoy the unforgettable view of Lake Biel and St. Peter’s Island. Once you arrive at the lake, you will be introduced to the secrets of winemaking in a winemaker’s cellar and taste the local wine.

- **Open-Air Museum Ballenberg**: Spend an unforgettable day at the Ballenberg Open Air Museum and discover Switzerland on foot or in a horse-drawn carriage. The past comes to life with 100 original centuries-old buildings from all over Switzerland, 250 farm animals and demonstrations of traditional crafts. For a truly authentic experience, book a private guided tour, bake your own bread or compete in traditional Swiss sports.

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